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During the latter part of the week ending 15 May 1954, the Gun Factory (Ágyúgyár),¹ Budapest, had received from the USSR a shipment of radio-active isotopes encased in a lead-shielded tube which was approximately one meter long. As far as could be ascertained, this material was intended for use in either calibrating the gauge of the gun tubing or examining the internal structure of the gun-tube walls.²

1. [REDACTED] Comment: There is no factory in Budapest which is called or which is generally referred to as the Gun Factory. [REDACTED] possibly means either the Metal Goods and Machine Tool Factory on Soroksári u. 160-162, Budapest IX, or a component of the Rákosi Mátyás Works at Budapest-Csepel.

2. [REDACTED] Comment: Shipment might have contained uranium isotopes. Very likely this is the first instance that such atomic materials were being used in Hungarian factories.

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